

## SEPTEMBER TEAL SEASON FACT SHEET

- Special seasons were initiated in late 1960's to provide harvest opportunities on blue-winged and green-winged teal. These seasons were discontinued in the 1980's due to drought and a decline in teal numbers.
- Habitat conditions and teal populations improved in the late 1990's and special teal seasons were reinstated in 1999. As long as teal populations are above 3.3 million (on the May survey), special teal seasons can be allowed.
- Blue-winged teal are one of the earliest of the migratory waterfowl. Most pass through Virginia from late August through September, prior to the opening of the regular duck season.
- Green-winged teal are also early migrants and many arrive in September and October. Some Green-wings remain in the state throughout the winter depending on weather conditions.
- Virginia has held a special September teal season since 1999 (see dates listed below). The season is only permitted east of I-95 where there are greater numbers of teal and the potential to take non-target species (wood ducks) is smaller.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Season Dates</b>	<b>Green-wing</b>	<b>Blue-wing</b>	<b>Total Harvest</b>
2007	Sept. 17-26	USFWS harvest figures not yet available		
2006	Sept. 15-25	100	300	400
2005	Sept. 16-24	100	600	700
2004	Sept. 16-25	300	0	300
2003	Sept. 13-23	200	200	400
2002	Sept. 14-24	100	200	300
2001	Sept. 15-25	200	300	500
2000	Sept. 14-23	700	900	1,600
1999	Sept. 16-25	400	100	500

Based on the Harvest Information Program (HIP)